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(57) Abstract A human nucleic acid, PD2, its encoded protein and antibodies immunologically specific thereto are disclosed herein. The expression of the disclosed PD2 gene plays a key role in the regulation of differentiation and in the maintenance of the neoplastic state. The PD2 gene and its encoded protein represent valuable therapeutic targets in the differential diagnosis and therapy of pancreatic adenocarcinomas.		